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SUBJECT: SAUDI ARABIAN F-86' S AND PAKISTANI NEEDS

1. WE UNDERSTAND SAUDI ARABIAN AIR FORCE HAS RAISED IDEA OF TRANSFERRING ITS FOURTEEN F-86' S TO PAKISTAN AIR FORCE. SUCH TRANSFER NOT POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT POLICIES. USG CAN GIVE REQUISITE CONSENT FOR THIRD- COUNTRY TRANSFER OF US- CONTROLLED EQUIPMENT ( SUBJECT AIRCRAFT OBTAINED IN PART BY GRANT AND REMAINDER UNDER FMS) ONLY WHEN IT MIGHT ITSELF TRANSFER SUCH EQUIPMENT. PRESENT MILITARY SUPPLY POLICY TOWARD INDIA AND PAKISTAN PRECLUDES US FROM TRANSFERRING LETHAL EQUIPMENT TO EITHER.

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2. HOWEVER, PRESENT POLICY WOULD NOT PRECLUDE US FROM GIVING CONSENT TO TRANSFER OF SPARES, SERVICING EQUIPMENT AND OTHER RETRIEVABLE ITEMS ( NOT INCLUDING ARMAMENTS) WHICH NEEDED KEEP AIRCRAFT OPERABLE SINCE OUR POLICY PERMITS US TRANSFER SPARES FOR LETHAL EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED TO PAKISTAN. THUS, WERE SAUDIS TO STRIP AIRCRAFT, RETAINING AIRFRAMES AND ARMAMENTS FOR SOME OTHER DISPOSITION, WE WOULD BE PREPARED GIVE CONSENT FOR TRANSFER OF RESULTING PACKAGE.

3. PAKISTANIS HAVE MADE NO APPROACH TO US RE SAUDI EQUIPMENT ALTHOUGH SAUDIS ASSERT PAKISTANIS ARE INTERESTED. IT OUR VIEW BEST STEP AT THIS TIME IS TO SUGGEST TO SAUDIS AT SERVICE LEVEL THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION THEIR APPROACHING PAKISTANI COUNTERPARTS. SAUDIS SHOULD BE MADE UNDERSTAND THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE FORMAL APPROVAL SINCE THIS CAN OCCUR ONLY AS RESULT FORMAL REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR TRANSFER. MOREOVER, THEY MUST UNDERSTAND IF FORMAL AUTHORIZATION SOUGHT WE CAN CONSIDER ONLY SPARES AND NOT AIRFRAMES OR ARMAMENTS.

4. IF SAUDIS IN FACT MAKE REQUEST FOR ACTUAL TRANSFER, WE WOULD CONSIDER INFORMING INDIANS OF FACTS OF MATTER, LEST INDIANS CONCLUDE THAT TRANSACTION INVOLVES CIRCUMVENTION OUR POLICY. ROGERS

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